Traveller Plus® EL

User Guide

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⚠WARNING!

DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur if the following are not observed:

- Use only with children who weigh between 22 and 105 pounds (10 and 47.6 kg) and whose height is 56 inches (142.2 cm) or less.
- Snugly adjust the belts provided with this child restraint around your child.
- Secure the top anchorage strap provided with this child restraint.
- Always use the recline bar with this child restraint.
- Secure this child restraint with the vehicle's child restraint anchorage system if available or with a vehicle belt.
- Follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written instructions located on lanyard, under the cover in front of the child restraint.
- Register your child seat with the manufacturer, Britax Child Safety, Inc. by visiting www.BritaxUSA.com/registration, OR complete and return the registration card that was shipped with this child seat.
- Use this restraint forward facing only.
- Refer to your vehicle owner's manual or contact the vehicle manufacturer for the maximum weight rating for their LATCH anchors. Use vehicle belt (not LATCH connectors) for installations with children who weigh more than the vehicle LATCH anchor limit. Unless specified otherwise by the vehicle manufacturer, assume a 40 pound (18.1 kg.) child is the vehicle LATCH anchor limit.
- The HUGS™ chest pads must be used at all times.
- This child seat must not be used in the home, in boats, or other non-certified applications.
- Secure this child seat even when it is not occupied. In a crash, an unsecured child seat may injure vehicle occupants.
- Never use the adjuster strap to lift or carry this child seat. Doing so could cause damage to the harness adjuster and webbing. Always carry this child seat by the shell or tether straps.
- Never route the vehicle belt over the child.
- Based on crash statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommends that parents select the back seat as the safest location for a properly installed child seat. Please study *Vehicle Compatibility* on pages 10 – 11 to ensure your child's safety and consult your vehicle owner's manual.
- The primary protection for occupants of a vehicle in a collision is the body of the vehicle itself; a child seat will not protect a child when a vehicle is seriously impacted. However, correctly installed, a child seat will substantially improve chances for survival in most crashes. Make sure all users fully understand the correct ways to use this child seat in a vehicle.
- When using in vehicle with air bags, refer to the vehicle owner's manual for child seat installation instructions and precautions.
- To prevent injury due to deterioration or hidden damage, discontinue use of a child seat that is older than six years or has been in a moderate or severe crash. See date of manufacture located on the child seat.
- The use of non-Britax Child Safety, Inc. covers, inserts, toys, accessories, or tightening devices is not approved by Britax. Their use could cause this child seat to fail Federal Safety Standards or not perform as intended in a crash.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Verify that the child seat is secure and the harness is properly adjusted around the child each time the child seat is used.
- Adjust the harness to fit the clothes the child is wearing. Remove bulky coats and/or jackets before putting the child in the child seat.
- Cover the child seat when the vehicle is parked in direct sunlight. Parts of the child seat could become hot enough to burn a child.
- Store the child seat in a safe place when it is not being used. Avoid placing heavy objects on top of the child seat.
- Do not leave children alone in a vehicle, even for a short time.
- Do not, except as described in this booklet, attempt to disassemble any part of the child seat or change the way its harness or the vehicle's seat belts are used.
- Do not leave loose objects, e.g. books, bags, etc., in the back of a vehicle. In the event of a sudden stop, loose objects will keep moving, potentially causing serious injuries.
- Do not leave folding vehicle seats unlatched. In event of a sudden stop, a loose seat back could cause the child seat not to perform as intended.
- Do not allow children to play with this or any child seat.
- Do not use anything to raise the child seat off the vehicle seat except as described in these instructions. In a crash, this could cause the child seat not to perform as intended.

Certification

This child seat system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. This child seat is NOT certified for use in aircraft.

Registration

Child seats could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this child seat to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, and the child seat's model number and manufacturing date to Britax Child Safety, Inc., 13501 South Ridge Drive, Charlotte, NC 28273, or call 1-888-4BRITAX, or register online at www.BritaxUSA.com/registration. For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to http://www.NHTSA.gov.

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Date of Manufacture:_____

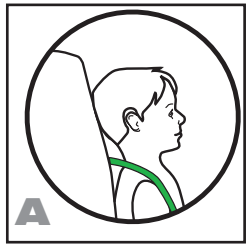
Important Harness Adjustments

Forward-Facing

Weight 22 pounds (and 1 year) – 105 pounds (10 – 47.6 kg.)

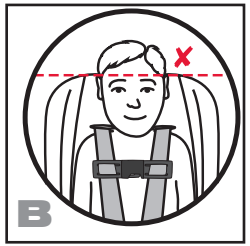
Only use forward-facing with children:

- *who are at least one year of age* **and**
- *who weigh between 22 and 105 lbs. (10 – 47.6 kg.)* **and**
- *who are 56" (142.2 cm.) or less in height* **and**
- *when the top of the child's ears are below the top of the child seat shell (Fig. A)* **and**
- *when the harness straps are located in the nearest slots at or above the child's shoulders.*



IMPORTANT: *See Adjusting the Harness on page 32.*

WARNING! Do NOT use the child seat if **any** of the following apply:



- *the child is less than one year of age* **or**
- *the child is less than 22 lbs. (10 kg.) in weight* **or**
- *the child exceeds 105 lbs. (47.6 kg.) in weight* **or**
- *the child exceeds 56" (142.2 cm.) in height* **or**
- *the top of the ears are above the top of the child seat shell (Fig. A)* **or**
- *the harness straps are in slots below the child's shoulders*

1 Head Pad
2 Cover
3 Harness Holder
4 Harness Slots
5 Comfort Pads
6 Chest Clip
7 HUGS™ Chest Pads
8 Buckle
9 Pommel
10 Belly Pad
11 User Guide (under cover)
12 Manufactured Date label (under cover)
13 Harness Adjuster (under flap)
14 Harness Adjuster Strap

15 Extra Length Buckle (Only for use above 65 lbs)
16 Head Pad Straps
17 LATCH Storage Pouch
18 Harness Straps
19 Harness Yoke
20 Recline Bar
21 LATCH Strap
22 LATCH Hooks
23 LATCH Adjuster Strap
24 LATCH Adjuster
25 Versa-Tether® Assembly

Vehicle Safety Belts

NOTE: *The information in this section only applies to installation with vehicle safety belts.*

IMPORTANT: *Vehicle seats and safety belts differ from vehicle to vehicle. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for specific information about vehicle safety belts and their use with child seats. Some vehicles have no seating positions which are compatible with this child seat or any other child seat. If in doubt, contact the vehicle manufacturer for assistance.*

This child seat can fit securely in most vehicles using existing vehicle belts. However, some vehicle designs prevent a secure fit of the child seat.

The vehicle owner's manual will have information on the types of vehicle belts in your vehicle. If your belt type is listed below, select another seating position or use **L**ower **A**nchors and **T**ethers for **CH**ildren (LATCH).

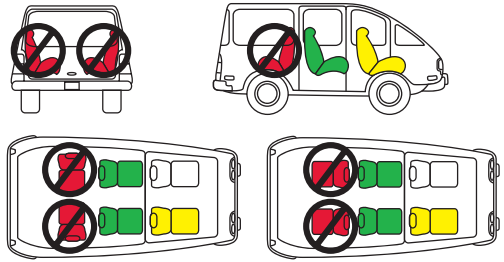
WARNING! The following types of vehicle belts are not compatible with this child seat:

- *Front vehicle belts with top or bottom anchorage points in the door. (Fig. A & B)*
- *Motor-driven, automatic vehicle belts. (Fig. B)*
- *Lap-shoulder belts that have separate retractors for shoulder section and lap section in which lap section retractor does not lock.*
- *Non-locking, two-point Emergency Locking Retractor (ELR) vehicle belts without the use of a belt-shortening clip.*
- *Lap-shoulder ELR vehicle belts without the use of a locking clip.*

NOTE: *Refer to your vehicle owner's manual to determine the kind of retractors used in your vehicle and how to operate them.*

Vehicle Seating Positions

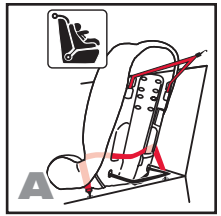
WARNING! Forward-facing vehicle seats MUST be used with this child seat. Side-facing or rear-facing seats CANNOT be used. See diagram below.

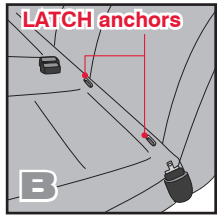


WARNING!
The back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under.

LATCH – Long Route

- *Figure A illustrates a* **Long Route** *LATCH installation. The restraint is shipped with the LATCH strap and hooks in the long route configuration.*
- *If choosing to use LATCH verify that your vehicle is equipped with LATCH anchors (Fig. B). If LATCH anchors are not installed, you must use vehicle belt installation methods.*





WARNING!

- *Refer to your vehicle owner's manual or contact the vehicle manufacturer for the maximum weight rating for their LATCH anchors. Use vehicle belt (not LATCH hooks) for installations with children who weigh more than the vehicle LATCH anchor limit. Unless specified otherwise by the vehicle manufacturer, assume a 40 pound (18.1 kg) child is the vehicle LATCH anchor limit.*

1 **The recline bar must be used at all times with this seat.** Insert the recline bar into the holes on the rear of the child seat. Use a rubber mallet to tap the recline bar ends into the holes. See page 28 for details.

2 Verify the LATCH strap is routed **under** the child seat cover in the long route configuration. (Fig. A)

3 If you need to re-route the LATCH strap from the short route to the long route configuration, follow the steps below. If it is not necessary to re-route the LATCH strap, skip to step 4.

a Uninstall the child seat if installed.

b Loosen the harness and pull the top of the child seat cover away from the seat shell.

c Pull each LATCH hook through the closest belt slot to the front of the child seat shell (Fig. C).

d Press the LATCH adjuster release button and pull the webbing to fully extend the LATCH strap.

e Route the child's left LATCH hook around to the outside of the seat shell.

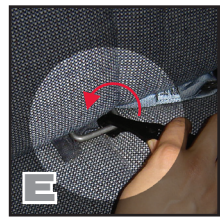
f Route the child's right LATCH hook through child's left belt slot from the front to the back of the child seat shell.

g Route the child's right LATCH hook across the back of the child seat shell.

h The LATCH strap must route over the harness straps on the rear of the child seat.

i Route the child's right LATCH hook through the child's right belt slot to the front of the child seat.

j Route the child's right LATCH hook around to the outside of the child seat shell.



k Refit the child seat cover onto the child seat shell. Verify the LATCH strap is routed **under** the child seat cover.

4 Place the child seat sideways on the vehicle seat with the back of the child seat facing you.

5 **You must always use the Versa-Tether when installing this child seat.** Loosen the Versa-Tether and place it up and over the child seat back.

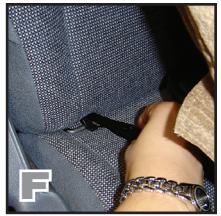
6 If stored, remove the LATCH hooks from the LATCH storage pouches on the rear of the child seat.

7 Verify that the LATCH strap is not twisted and attach the closest LATCH hook to the vehicle seat back to the farthest LATCH anchor (Fig. D)

- *The LATCH strap must be routed on the* **outside** *of recline bar.*
- *The LATCH hook MUST hook over the LATCH anchor (Fig. E).*
- *Pull on the hook to confirm attachment.*

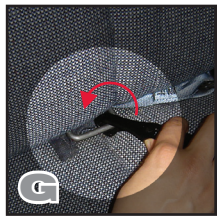
Installation for Children 22-40 lbs

8 Rotate the child seat into the forward-facing position. Ensure the bottom of the child seat shell is in full contact with the vehicle seat and the recline bar is resting against the vehicle seat back.



9 Verify that the LATCH strap is routed **under** the child seat cover and is not twisted. Attach the remaining LATCH hook to the adjacent LATCH anchor. (Fig. F)

- *The LATCH strap must be routed on the* **outside** *of the recline bar.*
- *The LATCH hook MUST hook over the LATCH anchor (Fig. G).*
- *Pull on the LATCH hook to confirm attachment*

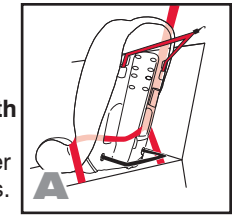


10 Attach one Versa-Tether® hook to the designated tether anchor for the chosen seating position. Remove all slack from the tether strap to secure. Ensure any excess tether strap webbing is stored within your vehicle. See pages 26 – 27

11 Verify that all connections are secure, the LATCH strap is tight, and the child seat is secure.

- *The child seat is secure when it cannot be moved more than 1 inch front-to-back or side-to-side at the belt path. If the child seat is not secure, repeat this procedure or use an alternate seating position.*

Lap-Shoulder Belt – Long Route



- *Figure A illustrates a* **Long Route** *lap-shoulder belt installation.*

1 **The recline bar must be used at all times with this child seat.** Insert the recline bar into the holes on the rear of the child seat. Use a rubber mallet to tap the recline bar ends into the holes. See page 28 for details.

2 **You must always use the Versa-Tether when installing this child seat.** Loosen the Versa-Tether and place it up and over the child seat back.

3 Place the child seat in the forward-facing position on the vehicle seat. Ensure the bottom of the child seat shell is in full contact with the vehicle seat and the recline bar is resting against the vehicle seat back.

4 Pull the vehicle belt out and route through the belt slot farthest from the vehicle buckle from the front to the rear of the child seat.

- *The vehicle belt must route* **over** *the child seat cover and* **outside** *of the recline bar.*

5 Route the vehicle belt across the back of the child seat continuing through the belt slot closest to the vehicle buckle, to the front of the child seat shell (Fig. B).

- *The vehicle belt must be routed* **over** *the harness straps on the rear of the child seat.*

6 Route the vehicle belt around to the outside of the child seat near the vehicle buckle, routing **over** the child seat cover (Fig. B).

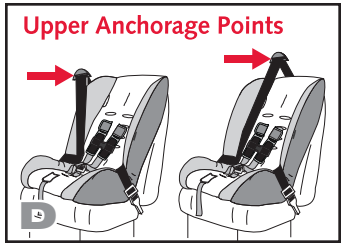
- *The vehicle belt must be routed on the* **outside** *of the recline bar.*

7 Verify that the vehicle belt is not twisted and then buckle (Fig. C).

- *The shoulder portion of the vehicle belt must be routed* **over** *the front of the child seat (Fig. D).*

8 Push the child seat firmly into the vehicle seat while removing slack first from the lap portion and then the shoulder portion of the vehicle belt.

9 Lock the vehicle belt according to the instructions in your vehicle owner's manual.



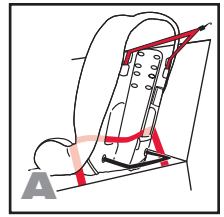
10 Attach one Versa-Tether® hook to the designated tether anchor for the chosen seating position. Remove all slack from the tether strap to secure. Ensure any excess tether strap webbing is stored within your vehicle. See pages 26 – 27

11 Verify the vehicle belt is routed **over** the child seat cover.

12 Verify that all connections are secure, the vehicle belt is tight, and the child seat is secure.

- *The child seat is secure when it cannot be moved more than 1 inch front-to-back or side-to-side at the belt path. If the child seat is not secure, repeat this procedure or use an alternate seating position.*

Lap Belt – Long Route



- *Figure A illustrates a* **Long Route** *lap belt installation.*

1 **The recline bar must be used at all times with this child seat.** Insert the recline bar into the holes on the rear of the child seat. Use a rubber mallet to tap the recline bar ends into the holes. See page 28 for details.

2 **You must always use the Versa-Tether when installing this child seat.** Loosen the Versa-Tether and place it up and over the child seat back.

3 Place the child seat in the forward-facing position on the vehicle seat. Ensure the bottom of the child seat shell is in full contact with the vehicle seat and the recline bar is resting against the vehicle seat back.

4 Pull the vehicle belt out and route **under** the child seat cover, around front of seat shell and through the belt slot furthest from the vehicle buckle, from the front to the rear of the child seat (Fig. B).

- *The vehicle belt must be routed on the* **outside** *of the recline bar.*

5 Route the vehicle belt across the back of the child seat continuing through the belt slot closest to the vehicle buckle, from the rear to the front of the child seat shell.

- *The vehicle belt must be routed* **over** *the harness straps on the rear of the child seat.*

6 Route the vehicle belt **under** the child seat cover, around to the outside of the seat shell near the vehicle buckle (Fig. C).

- *The vehicle belt must be routed on the* **outside** *of the recline bar.*

7 Verify that the vehicle belt is not twisted and then buckle (Fig. D).

8 Push the child seat firmly into the vehicle seat while removing slack from the vehicle belt.

9 Lock the vehicle belt according to the instructions in your vehicle owner's manual.

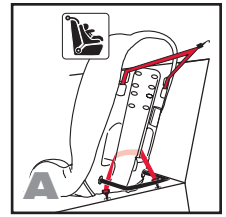
10 Attach one Versa-Tether® hook to the designated tether anchor for the chosen seating position. Remove all slack from the tether strap to secure. Ensure any excess tether strap webbing is stored within your vehicle. See pages 26 – 27.

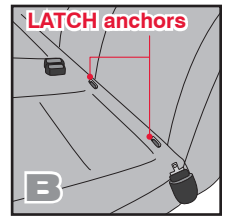
11 Verify that all connections are secure, the vehicle belt is tight, and the child seat is secure.

- *The child seat is secure when it cannot be moved more than 1 inch front-to-back or side-to-side at the belt path. If the child seat is not secure, repeat this procedure or use an alternate seating position.*

LATCH – Short Route

- *Figure A illustrates a* **Short Route** *LATCH installation. The restraint is shipped with the LATCH strap and hooks in the long route configuration.*
- *If choosing to use LATCH, verify that your vehicle is equipped with LATCH anchors. If LATCH anchors are not installed, you must use vehicle belt installation methods.*





WARNING!

- *Refer to your vehicle owner's manual or contact the vehicle manufacturer for the maximum weight rating for their LATCH anchors. Use vehicle belt (not LATCH hooks) for installations with children who weigh more than the vehicle LATCH anchor limit. Unless specified otherwise by the vehicle manufacturer, assume a 40 pound (18.1 kg) child is the vehicle LATCH anchor limit.*

1 **The recline bar must be used at all times with this child seat.** Insert the recline bar into the holes on the rear of the child seat. Use a rubber mallet to tap the recline bar ends into the holes. See page 28 for details.

2 Verify the LATCH strap is routed **under** the child seat cover and the comfort foam in the short route configuration (Fig. A).

3 If you need to re-route the LATCH strap from the long route to the short route configuration follow the steps below. If it is not necessary to re-route the LATCH strap, skip to step 4.

a Uninstall the child seat.

b Loosen the harness and pull the top of the child seat cover away from the seat shell.

c Route the child's right LATCH hook through the child's right belt slot to the rear of the child seat shell continuing through the child's left belt slot to the front of child seat shell (Fig. C).

d Route the child's left LATCH hook through the child's left belt slot to the rear of the child seat.

e Route the child's right LATCH hook **under** the child seat cover, between the comfort foam and the child seat shell, then through the child's right belt slot to the rear of the child seat (Fig. D).

f Refit the child seat cover onto the child seat shell.

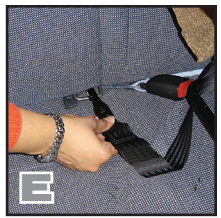
4 Place the child seat sideways on the vehicle seat with the back of the child seat facing you.

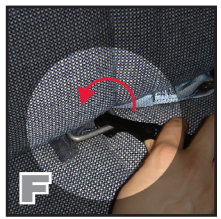
5 **You must always use the Versa-Tether when installing this child seat.** Loosen the Versa-Tether and place it up and over the child seat back.

6 If stored, remove the LATCH hooks from the storage pouch on the rear of the child seat.

7 Verify that the LATCH strap is not twisted and attach the closest LATCH hook to the vehicle seat back to the farthest LATCH anchor (Fig. E)

- *The LATCH strap must be routed* **inside** *the recline bar. See page 28.*
- *The LATCH hook must hook* **over** *the LATCH anchor (Fig. F).*
- *Pull on the LATCH hook to confirm attachment.*





8 Rotate the child seat into the forward-facing position. Ensure the bottom of the child seat shell is in full contact with the vehicle seat and the recline bar is resting against the vehicle seat back.

9 Verify that the LATCH strap is routed under the child seat cover and comfort foam and is not twisted. Attach the remaining LATCH connector to the adjacent LATCH anchor. (Fig. G)

- *The LATCH strap must be routed* **inside** *the recline bar. See page 28.*
- *The LATCH hook must hook* **over** *the LATCH anchor (Fig. H).*
- *Pull on the LATCH hook to confirm attachment.*

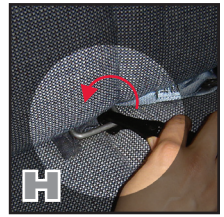
10 Reach through the belt slots to access the loop end of the LATCH connector strap (Fig. I).

11 Pull the LATCH strap loop while pushing the child seat firmly into the vehicle seat to tighten the LATCH strap.

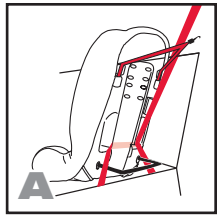
12 Attach each Versa-Tether® hook to separate vehicle designated tether anchors. Remove all slack from the tether to secure. Store any excess tether strap webbing within your vehicle. See pages 26 – 27.

13 Verify that all connections are secure, the LATCH strap is tight, and the child seat is secure.

- *The child seat is secure when it cannot be moved more than 1 inch front-to-back or side-to-side at the belt path. If the child seat is not secure, repeat this procedure or use an alternate seating position.*



Lap-Shoulder Belt – Short Route



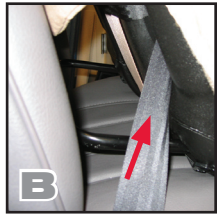
- *Figure A illustrates a* **Short Route** *lap-shoulder belt installation.*

1 **The recline bar must be used at all times with this child seat.** Insert the recline bar into the holes on the rear of the child seat. Use a rubber mallet to tap the recline bar ends into the holes. See page 28 for details.

2 **You must always use the Versa-Tether when installing this child seat.** Loosen the Versa-Tether and place it up and over the child seat back.

3 Place the child seat in the forward-facing position on the vehicle seat. Ensure the bottom of the child seat shell is in full contact with the vehicle seat and the recline bar is resting against the vehicle seat back.

4 Pull the vehicle belt out and route through the belt slot furthest from the vehicle buckle, from the rear to the front of the child seat (Fig. B).



- *The vehicle belt must be routed on the* **outside** *of the recline bar.*

5 Route the vehicle belt **under** the child seat cover, between the comfort foam and the child seat shell, and through the belt slot closest to the vehicle buckle from front to rear of the child seat (Fig. C).

- *The vehicle belt must be routed on the* **outside** *of the recline bar.*

6 Verify that the vehicle belt is not twisted and then buckle (Fig D).

7 Push the child seat firmly into the vehicle seat while removing slack first from the lap portion and then the shoulder portion of the vehicle belt.

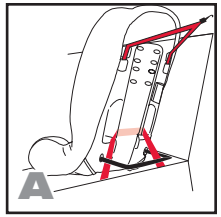
8 Lock the vehicle belt according to the instructions in your vehicle owner's manual.

9 Attach each Versa-Tether® hook to separate vehicle designated tether anchors. Remove all slack from the tether to secure. Store any excess tether strap webbing within your vehicle. See pages 26 – 27.

10 Verify that all connections are secure, the vehicle belt is tight, and the child seat is secure.

- *The child seat is secure when it cannot be moved more than 1 inch front-to-back or side-to-side at the belt path. If the child seat is not secure, repeat this procedure or use an alternate seating position.*

Lap Belt – Short Route



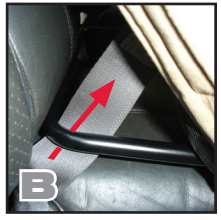
- *Figure A illustrates a* **Short Route** *lap belt installation.*

1 **The recline bar must be used at all times with this child seat.** Insert the recline bar into the holes on the rear of the child seat. Use a rubber mallet to tap the recline bar ends into the holes. See page 28 for details.

2 **You must always use the Versa-Tether when installing this child seat.** Loosen the Versa-Tether and place it up and over the child seat back.

3 Place the child seat in the forward-facing position on the vehicle seat. Ensure the bottom of the child seat shell is in full contact with the vehicle seat and the recline bar is resting against the vehicle seat back.

4 Pull the vehicle belt out and route through the belt slot furthest from the vehicle buckle, from the rear to the front of the child seat (Fig. B).



- *Vehicle belt must route on the* **inside** *of the recline bar.*

5 Route the vehicle belt **under** the child seat cover, between comfort foam and the child seat shell, then through the belt slot closest to the vehicle buckle from front to rear of the child seat (Fig. C).

- *Vehicle belt must route on the* **inside** *of the recline bar.*

6 Verify that the vehicle belt is not twisted and then buckle (Fig. D).

7 Push the child seat firmly into the vehicle seat while removing slack from the vehicle belt.

8 Lock the vehicle belt according to the instructions in your vehicle owner's manual.

9 Attach each Versa-Tether® hook to separate vehicle designated tether anchors. Remove all slack from the tether to secure. Store any excess tether strap webbing within your vehicle. See pages 26 – 27.

10 Verify that all connections are secure, the vehicle belt is tight, and the child seat is secure.

- *The child seat is secure when it cannot be moved more than 1 inch front-to-back or side-to-side at the belt path. If the child seat is not secure, repeat this procedure or use an alternate seating position.*

WARNING!

- *Always use the Versa-Tether. Using the tether will improve the stability of your child seat and reduce the risk of injury.*
- *Attach the Versa-Tether only to tether anchors designated by your vehicle manufacturer as tether anchorage points. Use of other locations is not approved or permitted.*
- *Do NOT modify the vehicle without advice from the vehicle manufacturer if a tether anchor is not available.*
- *Do NOT hook the Versa-Tether to the bottom of a vehicle seat adjuster.*

IMPORTANT: *If your vehicle does not currently have a tether anchor attachment, refer to your vehicle owner's manual or contact your vehicle manufacturer for assistance.*

1 Consult your vehicle owner's manual for approved tether anchorage locations.

2 Locate the tether on the back of the child seat. Place the tether components up and over the child seat back.

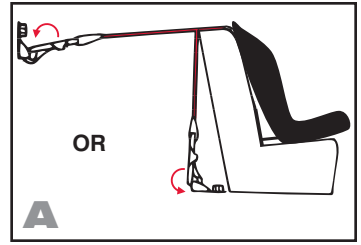
3 Install the child seat using the LATCH system or the vehicle seat belts according to the instructions in this manual.

4 Lift the tether adjuster tab to release the tether straps, then pull to fully extend the tether into a "V" shape.

5 Locate the hooks on the strap.

6 Attach the tether hooks to tether anchor(s) in vehicle (Fig. A).

* **For occupants less than 40 lbs (18.1 kg):** attach one tether hook to the designated tether anchor for the chosen seating position.
* **For occupants more than 40 lbs (18.1 kg):** attach BOTH tether hooks to separate vehicle designated tether anchors (Fig. A).



WARNING! Never attach more than one tether hook to a single tether anchor.

7 Pull the tether adjuster belt to remove all slack and ensure any excess tether strap webbing is stored within your vehicle.

8 Verify that there is no slack in the tether strap and that the child seat is properly secured.

- *The child seat is secure when it cannot be moved front-to-back or side-to-side more than 1 inch (2.5 cm) at the belt path.*

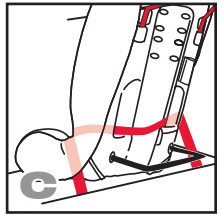
Using the Recline Bar

WARNING! *The recline bar must be installed before using this child seat.*

1 Insert the recline bar into the holes in lower rear of child seat prior to installation in vehicle (Fig. A).
2 Use a rubber mallet to tap the recline bar ends into holes (Fig. A).
   • *Do not strike the center of the recline bar near the label as this may bend the recline bar.*
3 Ensure that the bottom of the child seat shell is in full contact with the vehicle seat and the recline bar is resting against the vehicle seat back (Fig. B).

Belt Routing with the Recline Bar

The recline bar is provided to improve stability of the child seat. Proper installation is key to ensuring the best performance of the child seat.

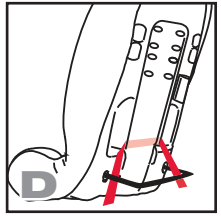


Long Route Installation

When using the long route installation, the LATCH strap or vehicle belt strap must pass outside of the recline bar. (Fig. C)

Short Route Installation

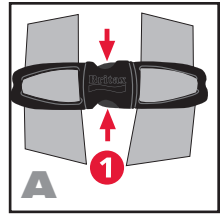
When using the short route installation, the LATCH strap or vehicle belt strap must pass through the inside of the recline bar. (Fig. D)



EXCEPTION: *When using the lap-shoulder belt however, the strap must pass on the* **outside** *of the recline bar.*

Using the Chest Clip

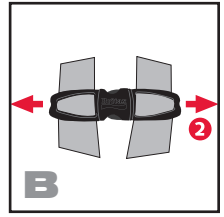
Open the chest clip by squeezing the middle tabs (Fig. A), while pulling the two pieces apart (Fig. B).
IMPORTANT: *The correct height for the chest clip is at the middle of the chest, level with the armpit.*



Using the Buckle

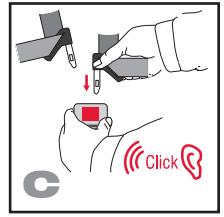
Fastening the Buckle

1 Hold the buckle with one hand.
2 Use your other hand to insert one tongue at a time into the buckle. Proper connection is confirmed with an audible click after inserting the second buckle tongue (Fig. C).

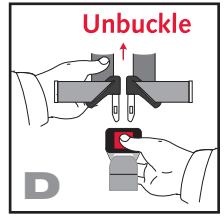


Releasing the Buckle

1 Hold the buckle with one hand.
2 Use thumb to press release button to eject the tongues from buckle (Fig. D).



NOTE: *Periodically clean the buckle to ensure proper operation.* *See page 39.*

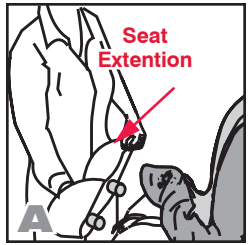


Seat Extension

The seat extension is intended to provide extra leg support for taller children. Use the seat extension when a child's legs have grown too long to allow a comfortable seating position in the child seat alone.

Attaching the Seat Extension

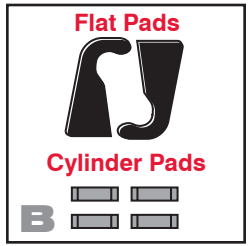
Pull the cover back from the bottom of the child seat. Insert the seat extension into the holes in front of the child seat prior to installation in the vehicle (Fig. A). Replace the cover.



Pad Inserts (Optional)

The pad inserts (Fig. B) are designed to be adjusted to offer the child more or less support as needed.

The two flat pads are intended for use under the cover on the sides of the child seat. The four foam cylinders are intended for use under the cover and are secured by elastic loops.



Head Pad (Optional)

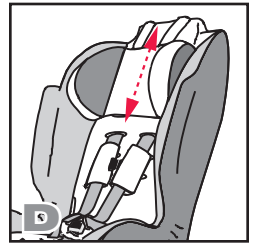
The head pad should be used to provide additional padding and support for the child's head.

Attaching the Head Pad

Route the straps through the top slots, then over the top of the child seat (Fig. C). Fasten the head pad straps using the snap buttons.

Adjusting the Head Pad

To adjust the height of the head pad, slide it up or down as needed (Fig. D).



Pommel (Optional)

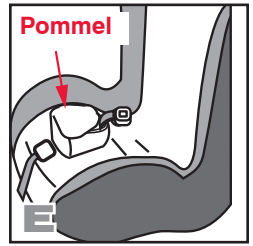
The pommel (Fig. E) is intended for extra comfort with older children. While the pommel is optional, the belly pad should always be used.

Removing the Pommel

To remove, slide the belly pad and pommel off of the buckle. Replace the belly pad.

Installing the Pommel

To install, slide the belly pad off the buckle to remove. Slide the pommel, and then the belly pad onto the buckle.

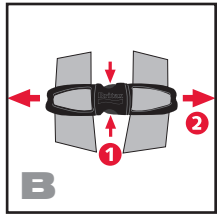


Once the child seat has been installed in the vehicle, follow these instructions to secure your child in the child seat.

IMPORTANT: *Before securing your child in the child seat, always check the adjuster area for debris (e.g., food, coins, toys, etc.). If debris is present, it must be removed to prevent interference with the adjuster mechanism.*

1 Loosen the harness by lifting the adjuster lever located in front of the child seat, then pull the shoulder straps forward (Fig. A).

2 Open the chest clip by squeezing the middle tabs, while pulling the two pieces apart (Fig. B).



3 Unfasten the buckle by pressing down on the middle button.

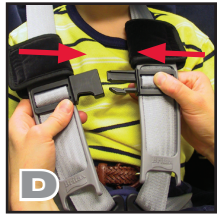
4 Move the harness straps to the side of the child seat. To aid in holding the straps, insert the pieces of the chest clip into the harness retainers on the cover.

5 Place the child in the child seat.

6 Position the harness straps around the child and fasten the child seat buckle (Fig. C). Proper connection is confirmed with a positive click after inserting the second buckle tongue.

7 Gently pull up on the harness straps to tighten the lap section of the harness, which should fit low on your child's body.

8 Fasten the chest clip by connecting the two halves together (Fig. D).



9 Slowly pull the adjuster strap to tighten the harness around the child (Fig. E).
- *The correct height for the chest clip is at the middle of the chest, level with the child's armpit (Fig. F).*
- *The HUGS pads may be placed in any position that is comfortable for the child, within the range of the correctly placed chest clip.*

10 Verify that harness is not twisted and child is properly secured.

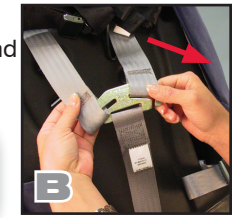
See *Safety Information* on pages 6 – 7.

WARNING! HUGS™ chest pads must be used at all times.

IMPORTANT:
- *Always pull on the harness after securing the child to ensure the buckle tongues are secure in the harness buckle. If the buckle will not fasten with an audible click after insertion of each buckle tongue, the harness buckle or adjuster area may be clogged with debris that needs to be removed. See page 39 for cleaning instructions.*
- *Adjust the belts provided with the child seat so they fit snugly around your child. A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.*

Adjusting the Harness

1 Loosen the harness by lifting the harness release lever while pulling the shoulder straps forward as far as possible (Fig. A).
2 From the rear of the child seat, unhook the shoulder harness straps from the yoke (Fig. B).
3 Pull the harness straps through the shell, foam and cover to the front of the child seat.
4 Thread the harness straps through the appropriate harness slots in the cover, foam and seat shell. (Fig. C).



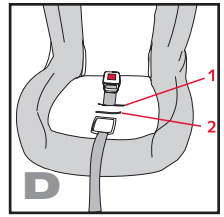
⚠ WARNING! HUGS™ chest pads must be used at all times.

5 Reattach the harness straps to the harness yoke.
6 Pull harness adjuster strap to tighten the harness.
7 Verify that all straps are threaded at the same height and are not twisted.

Adjusting the Buckle

The buckle has two positions and should be adjusted to fit your child.

IMPORTANT: *Select the slot closest to, but not under, the child (Fig. D).*
See page 38 for buckle removal and rethreading instructions.



Extra Length Buckle

There are two buckles available for use with this child seat. If your child requires more length in the buckle strap to comfortably ride in the child seat, uninstall the buckle and rethread the alternate buckle included with the child seat in the appropriate position.

⚠ WARNING! Do not use the longer buckle until the child reaches 65 lbs (29.5 kg).

Cover Removal

WARNING! Do not take apart the harness. Never remove the buckle tongues from the harness. They cannot be reattached after removal. If reassembled incorrectly, the child seat may not perform as intended.

1 Loosen the harness by lifting the harness adjuster lever while pulling the shoulder straps forward as far as possible.
2 Unhook the shoulder straps from the harness yoke on the rear of the child seat (Fig. A).
3 Pull the upper harness straps through the shell and cover to the front of the child seat.
4 Remove the buckle and belly pad. See page 38.
5 Gently remove the upper portion of the cover. Be careful not to damage the energy-absorbing foam.
6 Pull the lower harness straps, buckle tongues, HUGS™ chest pads, and chest clip through the lower slots in cover.
7 Remove the entire cover from the child seat.

Refitting the Cover

To refit the cover, reverse the above directions. Make sure that the shoulder straps are not twisted, and are threaded properly through the chest clips, cover, foam, and shell.

Cleaning the Cover

- HAND WASH using cold water and mild soap.
- LINE or LIE-FLAT DRY to prevent the cover from shrinking.
- DO NOT bleach, machine wash, machine dry or iron.

Cleaning the Shell

- SPONGE CLEAN using warm water and mild soap.
- TOWEL DRY
- DO NOT use solvents, abrasive cleaners or disassemble the harness.

Cleaning the Harness

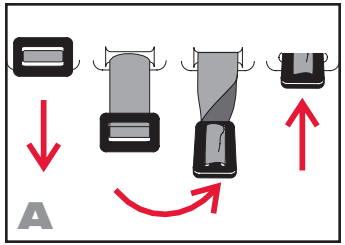
- SPONGE CLEAN using warm water and mild soap.
- TOWEL DRY
- DO NOT bleach, iron, machine wash, machine dry or disassemble the harness.

Cleaning the Harness Adjuster

Periodically check the adjuster area to be sure it is clean and free of food, drink or other debris. If debris is present, it must be removed to prevent interference with the adjuster mechanism.

- BRUSH AWAY LOOSE DEBRIS using a soft-bristled brush.
- SPONGE CLEAN using warm water and a mild soap.
- TOWEL DRY
- DO NOT use solvents, abrasive cleaners or disassemble the harness.

Buckle Removal



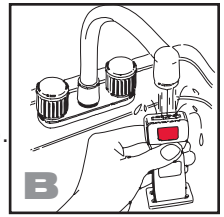
1 Locate the metal buckle strap retainer on the bottom of the child seat.
2 Pull retainer away from child seat to loosen.
3 Turn the retainer so that the short side will go through the slot in the child seat shell (Fig. A).
4 Push the retainer through slots in the shell and cover, to the front of the child seat.

NOTE: *Pull the belly pad over the metal buckle retainer to remove.*

Rethreading the Buckle

1 Locate the necessary buckle slot.
2 Turn the buckle retainer so that the short side will fit through the slot in the cover and child seat shell (Fig. A).
3 Push the retainer through the slots in the cover and shell to the bottom of the child seat.
4 Pull buckle away from the child seat until tight, then verify that the strap is not twisted and the release button is facing out.
5 Verify that the buckle retainer lies flat against the the child seat shell.

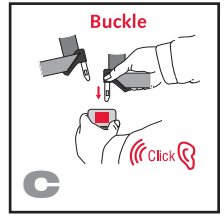
Cleaning the Buckle



If your child eats and drinks while in the child seat, you may need to check the buckle periodically and wash out any accumulated debris or dried liquids.

- THOROUGHLY RINSE, using warm water (Fig. B).
- SOAK, overnight if possible, using warm water to loosen hardened drinks or food.
- TEST THE BUCKLE, by fastening and unfastening until a positive click is heard after inserting the second buckle tongue (Fig. C). If click is not heard, repeat cleaning procedure.
- TOWEL DRY

DO NOT: Lubricate, use solvents, use soap or household detergents.



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Double Check Car Seat-to-Vehicle Installation:

☑ Check that the LATCH or vehicle seat belts connections to the vehicle are tight and locked.

☑ Verify the car seat cannot be moved front-to-back or side-to-side more than one inch at the belt path.

Double Check Child-to-Car Seat Installation:

☑ Tug on the buckle to ensure a proper connection.

☑ Confirm harness straps are snug and over both shoulders and hips. You should not be able to pinch excess harness strap webbing at the child's shoulder.

☑ Make sure the chest clip is properly fastened and positioned in the middle of the child's chest at armpit level.

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